

A Day of Intercession



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The neglect of the services of the Church on the Lord's Day; the careless observance of Lent, the season appointed for self-denial, fasting and prayer; the lack of a sense of responsibility on the part of parents in regard to the religious instruction of their children; the low standard of spiritual life; the absence of real self-denial and self-sacrifice; and the failure to realize the value of the Church and its privileges call us to consider how these evils can be corrected.

The remedy, we believe, is not to be found in better music, finer services, more eloquent sermons, or the raising of more money for good works; but in humbling ourselves before Almighty God, and interceding with Him for the awakening of the consciences of His people, and the reviving, by the power of the Holy Spirit, of the life of the Church.

The Rogation Days being especially appointed for this purpose, a DAY OF INTERCESSION FOR THE CHURCH has been arranged for Tuesday, May 7th, at St. Mark's Church, Sixteenth and Locust Streets, which ALL Church people throughout the city are earnestly invited and urged, if possible, to attend.

A simple breakfast will be served in the Parish House. In order that it may be known how many to provide for, those who will attend are asked to send their names to some member of the Committee on or before May 6th.

No special services are provided for the afternoon, but it is desired that this time be spent, as well as the two other Rogation Days, in intercessory prayer.

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Committee.



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O. W. WHITAKER.
Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

Rogation Day, Tuesday, May 7, 1907



- 7.45 A. M. Celebration of the Holy Communion.
8.30. Breakfast.
9.00. Morning Prayer.
9.45. Meditation by the Rev. Floyd W. Tomkins, D. D.
10.45. Penitential Office and Meditation by the Rev. C. S. Hutchinson.
12.00 Litany and Intercessions. Meditation by the Rev. Alfred G. Mortimer, D. D.

The Church is open every day for private prayer.



SERVICES AT ST. MARK'S ON THE OTHER ROGATION DAYS.

- 7.00 and 7.45 A. M. The Holy Communion.
9.00. Morning Prayer.
12.00 Noon. Litany and Meditation by the Rector.
5.00 P. M. Evening Prayer.

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A Day of Intercession for the Church was held last year on one of the Rogation Days, and the hope was then expressed that this would become an annual custom. As the Rogation Days this year come very late in the spring, and in order to pray for a better observance of Lent, a Day of Intercession will be held at St. Mark's Church on Monday, March 9th, and all Church people throughout the city are earnestly invited and urged to attend. It is also hoped that, as far as possible, persons will come at least in time for the first address and remain until the close of the service.

Those coming from a distance, who desire to attend the early celebration of the Holy Communion, will have breakfast provided for them at the homes of some members of the committee, and such persons are requested to send their names, not later than March 7th, to Mrs. Horace Brock, 1920 Spruce Street.

No special services are provided for the afternoon, but the church will be open all day, and it is hoped that many will spend part of this time there or at their homes in intercessory prayer.

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ST. MARK'S CHURCH
SIXTEENTH AND LOCUST STREETS
Monday, March 9, 1908

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- 7.45 A. M. Celebration of the Holy Communion.
9.00 A. M. Morning Prayer.
9.45 A. M. Address: "Responsibility for our Example as Christians in the World," by the Rev. Floyd W. Tomkins, D.D., Rector of Holy Trinity Church, Philadelphia.
10.45 A. M. Penitential Office. Address: "Responsibility for our Example as Churchmen in Fulfilling our Obligations to the Church," by the Rev. James Biddle Halsey, Rector of St. Timothy's Church, Roxborough.
12.00 A. M. Litany and Intercessions. Address: "Responsibility for our own Personal Fidelity in the Use of the Means of Grace," by the Rev. John Mitchell Page, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Lebanon, Pa.

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For the past two years a Day of Intercession has been held, with the approval and blessing of the Bishop of the Diocese, at St. Mark's Church.

The movement began as the result of wide-spread alarm and distress among earnest Church people at the growing indifference to religion throughout the country, exhibited especially in the neglect of the services of the Church on the Lord's Day, the careless observance of Lent, the lack of a sense of responsibility on the part of parents with regard to the religious instruction of their children, the absence of real self-denial and self-sacrifice, and the generally low standard of public morals and spiritual life. It was felt that the remedy was to be found in humbling ourselves before Almighty God, and interceding with Him for the awakening of the consciences of His people, and the reviving, by the power of the Holy Spirit, of the life of the Church.

The interest shown by clergy and laity throughout the city in the observance of this Day of Intercession has been most encouraging. The services in the morning were well attended, and all during the afternoon silent intercessions were offered in the Church by a number of people. It was very gratifying to find so many men, clergy and laity, attending the noon-day service, and coming to the Church during the afternoon.

The Day of Intercession will be held this year, at St. Mark's Church, on Monday, March 1st. It is proposed, in addition to the Day of Intercession, to have a Missionary service, with hymns and an address by the Reverend Father Huntington, O.H.C., on Sunday evening, February 28th, in order that more men may be able to take part in this movement. All Church people throughout the Diocese are earnestly invited and urged to attend this service, and, as far as possible, to be present during the entire service on Monday morning.

COMMITTEE

MRS. MACKAY-SMITH,	MRS. GEORGE F. KNORR,
MRS. ERNEST ZANTZINGER,	MRS. J. NICHOLAS MITCHELL,
MRS. JOHN THOMPSON SPENCER,	MRS. THOMAS CONRAD,
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MR. JOHN B. WHITEHEAD,	MR. EDWARD H. BONSALE,
MR. GEORGE W. PEPPER,	MR. EWING L. MILLER,
MR. S. MENDELSON MEEHAN,	MR. S. WILSON FISHER,
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ST. MARK'S CHURCH SIXTEENTH AND LOCUST STREETS



Sunday, February 28, 1909.

8.00 P. M. Missionary Service.

Monday, March 1, 1909.

7.00 A. M. } Celebration of the Holy Communion.
7.45 A. M. }

9.00 A. M. Morning Prayer.

10.00 A. M. Address.

11.00 A. M. Penitential Office and Address.

12.00 A. M. Litany, Intercessions and Address.

The addresses will be made by the Reverend Father Huntington, O.H.C.

The Church will be open all day, and it is hoped that many will come in during the afternoon to offer intercessions.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH.

SIXTEENTH AND LOCUST STREETS.



Wednesday, February 12, 1913.

- 7.00 A. M. } Celebration of the Holy Communion.
7.45 A. M. }
9.00 A. M. Morning Prayer.
9.30 A. M. Celebration of the Holy Communion.
10.00 A. M. Address and Intercessions.
11.00 A. M. Penitential Office, Address and Intercessions.
12.00 A. M. Litany, Address and Intercessions.
5.00 P. M. Evensong and Address.



The Addresses will be made by the Rev. E. Edmund Seyzinger, of the Community of the Resurrection, Mirfield, England.

The Litany and Intercessions at noon will be said by the Bishop of the Diocese.

The church is open all day, and there will be continual silent intercessions from 1 to 5 P. M., and it is hoped that many will come in during the afternoon.

Diocesan Day of Corporate Intercession for the Church

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1913



A MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE



THIS annual Diocesan Day of Intercession gives us a chance of vital help just where we most need it. For unity is our great lack, and common prayer is the great means to unity.

Unity is our great lack. Not the negative unity of tolerance and kindly feeling, but the positive unity of conscious spiritual fellowship in co-operative spiritual service. The first is, indeed, necessary, but by itself is wholly impotent. The second is the true and only way in which God builds His Church, and brings His Kingdom. And we are greatly lacking in it. We live in Parishes. We work in groups. We pray by ourselves. We scarcely touch the Diocese at any point. We are scarcely aware of its existence. And yet the Diocese is the

real cell of our spiritual organism. It is the real unit of the Church's structure. In it, and in nothing less than it, we are caught up into the Spirit's unity, and receive, and realize, the Spirit's gifts. Whatever helps us to Diocesan self-consciousness and Diocesan devotion helps us as nothing else can do in faith and life. Unity is our great lack.

And common prayer is the great means to unity. Prayer is the source of spiritual life, and the spring of spiritual power. By prayer we open our lives to the Spirit's entrance and possession. By prayer we release the saving energy of God. And Christian prayer is always common, that is, social. If we, as a Diocese, are ever, and in any measure, to be at one with God, and with each other, it will only be as, and if, we learn and love to pray together. A Diocese at prayer is a Diocese at work. A Diocese spending a day in intercessions will, by God's grace, become a Diocese spending its life in prevailing service of Him to Whom, and of those for whom, it prays.

May the Spirit draw us—some, at least, from every congregation—into this blessed fellowship and ministry of common prayer, and teach us how to pray according to the will of God.

PHILIP M. RHINELANDER,
Bishop of Pennsylvania.

The Committee ask you to carefully consider this call from our Bishop, and join in this day of corporate prayer for the quickening and deepening of the Spiritual life in the Church.

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CHURCH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A Day of Corporate Intercession for the Church

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 1914



THIS LENT, the Day of Intercession for the Church, which has become a well established annual observance, to the great profit of the Diocese, should make an appeal of peculiar power. The Church, in all its parts and branches, is facing great and growing problems. Never before has the meaning and the need of Unity been so clearly pressed upon her mind and conscience. Never before has her overwhelming responsibility for the purifying and healing of society been pointed out so sharply. The day of opportunity is always and equally the day of judgment. Prayer is the only way in which we can hold the first and escape the second. I earnestly hope the Diocese as a whole will use this Day of Intercession as a proof of their faith and love.

PHILIP M. RHINELANDER,
Bishop of Pennsylvania.

The Committee in charge of the Day of Corporate Intercession for the Church ask you carefully to consider this call from our Bishop, and join in the services of the Day, which include acts of penitence for our corporate sins, thanksgiving for God's mercy and continued blessing and intercessions for the quickening and deepening of the Spiritual life in the Church.

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ST. MARK'S CHURCH.

LOCUST STREET BETWEEN 16TH AND 17TH STREETS.



Tuesday, March 3, 1914.

7.00 A. M.	} Celebration of the Holy Communion.
7.45 A. M.	
9.00 A. M.	Morning Prayer.
10.00 A. M.	Litany of the Church (Sung), Address and Intercessions.
11.00 A. M.	Penitential Office, Address and Intercessions.
12.00 A. M.	Litany, Address and Intercessions.
5.00 P. M.	Evensong and Address.



The Addresses will be made by Rev. William A. McClenthen, of Mount Calvary Church, Baltimore, Md.

The church is open all day, and there will be continual silent intercessions from 1 to 5 P. M. It is hoped that many will come in during the afternoon.

A Day of Corporate Intercession for the Church

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1915



I HOPE the Day of Corporate Intercession to be held in St. Mark's Church on St. Matthias' Day, will find a very large number of our people ready to use its opportunity and to receive its blessing. The immediate future of the Church, and, indeed, of Christian life throughout the world, is shrouded by deep uncertainty and anxiety. God is certainly visiting his people for judgment. One thing is very certain, however, that God's judgments are in mercy, and that He is even now calling His people to an unexampled service and devotion which, if they are faithful, will work for His greater glory and the extension of His Kingdom. The pressing need is that we shall learn His will, and be ready to perform it. Only by prayer can we gain knowledge and strength. Only as we pray *together* can we realize our common vocation and our common task.

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ST. MARK'S CHURCH.

LOCUST STREET BETWEEN 16TH AND 17TH STREETS.



Wednesday, February 24, 1915.

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| 7.00 A. M. | } | Celebration of the Holy Communion. |
| 7.45 A. M. | | |
| 9.30 A. M. | | |
| 9.00 A. M. | Morning Prayer. | |
| 10.00 A. M. | Litany of the Church (Sung), Address and Intercessions. | |
| 10.45 A. M. | Penitential Office, Address and Intercessions. | |
| 11.45 A. M. | Address, Litany and Intercessions. | |
| 5.00 P. M. | Evensong and Address. | |



The Bishop of the Diocese will say the Litany and Intercessions at noon.

The Addresses will be made by Rev. J. O. S. Huntington, O. H. C. It is hoped that all who can do so will be present for all three addresses.

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A Day of Corporate Intercession for the Church

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 1916



MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP.

I HOPE the Annual Day of Corporate Intercession to be held in St. Mark's Church, Wednesday, March 22, will find a very large number of our people ready to use its opportunity and to receive its blessing. The immediate future of the Church, and, indeed, of Christian life throughout the world, is shrouded by deep uncertainty and anxiety. God is certainly visiting his people for judgment. One thing is very certain, however, that God's judgments are in mercy, and that He is even now calling His people to an unexampled service and devotion which, if they are faithful, will work for His greater glory and the extension of His Kingdom. The pressing need is that we shall learn His will, and be ready to perform it. Only by prayer can we gain knowledge and strength. Only as we pray *together* can we realize our common vocation and our common task.

This message which I wrote last year, I would repeat. The circumstances have not changed.

PHILIP M. RHINELANDER,
Bishop of Pennsylvania.

March 7th, 1916.

The Committee in charge of the Day of Corporate Intercession for the Church ask you carefully to consider this call from our Bishop, and join in the services of the Day, which include acts of penitence for our corporate sins, thanksgiving for God's mercy and continued blessing and intercessions for the quickening and deepening of the Spiritual life in the Church and the Nation.

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LOCUST STREET BETWEEN 16TH AND 17TH STREETS.



Wednesday, March 22, 1916.

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7.45 A. M. }
- 9.00 A. M. Morning Prayer.
- 10.00 A. M. Litany of the Church (Sung), Address and Intercessions.
- 10.45 A. M. Penitential Office, Address and Intercessions.
- 11.45 A. M. Address, Litany and Intercessions.
- 5.00 P. M. Evensong.



The Bishop of the Diocese will take the Litany and Intercessions at noon.

The Addresses will be made by Rev. George Craig Stewart, L. H. D., Rector of St. Luke's Church, Evanston, Ill. It is hoped that all who can do so will be present for all three addresses.

The church is open all day, and there will be continual silent intercessions from 1 to 5 P. M. It is hoped that many will come in during the afternoon.

A Day of Corporate Intercession for the Church

THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 1917



MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP.

I HOPE the Annual Day of Corporate Intercession to be held at St. Mark's Church, Thursday, March 1st, will find a very large number of our people ready to use its opportunity and to receive its blessing.

An instant challenge to be at Prayer is before the Church. Salvation out of every danger comes from God alone.

We reach and release God's saving power only as we pray.

Our chief need is that we should be aroused to the urgent necessity of Prayer. In Europe men have learned this first and greatest lesson. The experiences of war have broken through the hardened surfaces of life. Men have become once more spiritually sensitive. It has become natural for them to pray. But it is not so with us. We have learned no spiritual lessons. Nothing has happened to break, or even to bend, the hardened crust of our material prosperity. We are on the edge of spiritual bankruptcy. This Day of Prayer then must be used chiefly for our conversion to the life of prayer.

PHILIP M. RHINELANDER,
Bishop of Pennsylvania.

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Mr. JOHN S. NEWBOLD

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ST. MARK'S CHURCH.

LOCUST STREET BETWEEN 16TH AND 17TH STREETS.



Thursday, March 1, 1917.

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| 9.00 A. M. | Morning Prayer. |
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| 11.00 A. M. | Penetential Office, Address and Intercessions. |
| 12.00 M. | Litany, Address and Intercessions. |
| 5.00 P. M. | Evensong. |



The Addresses will be made by the Rt. Rev. Wilson R. Stearly, Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Newark, N. J. It is hoped that all who can do so will be present for all three addresses.

The church is open all day, and there will be continual silent intercessions from 1 to 5 P. M. It is hoped that many will come in during the afternoon to pray for our nation—for the world in this crisis.

NOT PEACE BUT A SWORD

"We must face the facts, and not shirk them. Christ did come not to send peace but a sword. There is no use our trying to live or think, as though it made only a superficial difference whether we call ourselves Christians or no. If you serve Christ, He will be content with nothing less than the whole of you. The service means taking up the Cross; being hard where others find it easy, being regarded by some as unintelligent, by others as bigoted, by others as uncharitable—for Christ's lordship is intolerant. We are His sworn men and owe Him "life and limb and earthly worship" and service against all other lords; and we cannot reduce our faith into mere commonplace morals or respectable citizenship. Whatever Christianity is, or is not, it is not commonplace or respectable, and good sense always condemns it. It is not to pleasant days, and well-fashioned lives, and sheltered peace that Christ summons you, but to tears and the splendour of sacrifice, and the height and depth of lives lived in warfare, a world of wonder and of joy, but of anguish and agony. Riot paints a city red, religion dyes the whole world purple.

Let us live, then, as Christ's servants under no delusive dreams; for life will not be easier, but harder, infinitely harder if you are to be His soldiers against sin, the world, and the devil. Embrace if you will the banner of Love, Love flaming, intolerant, revolution incarnate. Follow Christ to joy and to worship, to exultation and to agony. But never for an hour or an instant, never forget—it is not peace, but a sword that you bear and wield."—*The Gospel and Human Needs.*—J. N. Figgis, C. R.

A Day of Corporate Intercession for the Church, for Our Country and for the World

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24th, 1920



A Message from our Bishop

"GRACE and truth came by Jesus Christ." They came; they were not *forced* upon us. They are always ready in full supply for all our needs. But we must appropriate and receive them by obedience and faith.

Prayer is the great inclusive way in which faith and obedience avail to "make connections": to establish contact, so that our Lord's grace and truth can come to us and abide with us to strengthen and direct us. Prayer is the universal means. No grace comes without it. Sacraments are prayers, of peculiar and unrivalled power because our Lord Himself has chosen and ordained them as special ways and means of coming to Him and receiving from Him His life-giving gifts. But they are still prayers, and bear their witness to the high privilege and mighty opportunity of faithful praying.

This day of Prayer makes a peculiar challenge. "All the foundations of the earth are out of course." No one knows what the morrow may bring forth. Races and nations seem standing on the brink of momentous change and readjustment. The air is full of passionate and conflicting prophecies and programmes. "God's in His Heaven." His will and law and love abide. Christ's grace and truth are as near and sure and victorious as ever. "Be still and know that I am God." So he calls us. "Speak, Lord, for Thy servant heareth." So we are to pray.

PHILIP M. RHINELANDER,
Bishop of Pennsylvania.

Lent, 1920.

"WHAT, COULD YE NOT WATCH WITH ME
ONE HOUR?"

The Committee in charge of the Day of Corporate Intercession ask you to consider carefully this call from our Bishop. We ask that as far as possible you give up conflicting engagements and make this a day of corporate penitence for our sins, of thanksgiving for God's mercy, of intercession for our country, for the Church, especially the Russian Church, for the establishment of a just and righteous peace, for guidance for all in authority, and for the coming of God's Kingdom.

Our Bishop has told us, "Only as we pray *together* can we realize our common vocation and our common task."

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Addresses will be made by the Rev. Leicester C. Lewis, D.D., of the Western Theological Seminary.

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NEWNESS OF LIFE

The spirit of freedom now abroad, with all its eager confidence and loving hope, can meet its true leader only in Jesus Christ. That cry for beauty in life and joy can be met only in the Catholic Church with her age-long heirlooms of service, and the pearl of great price—a Divine love. For it is love that this child-heart of our day is crying out for. Doubtless many faults can be seen in it. The age is trying, like boys and girls, wayward and conceited—but always lovable. Yet once more we have a world on fire with a quest—the quest for adventure, for reality and joy. That adventure can be had in its fullest only by those who are to scale, not the Alpine heights, but the gates of heaven; the reality it can have only in Him Who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Ours it is to have learnt the secret; ours it is to offer it to the strange piteous world stained with sin, wearied in the greatness of its way, and tossed in the tempest of its own freedom; ours to show it the haven where it would be, the goal of all striving, the end of every man's desire—God's love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Once more we are to make vivid to men who disregard them these words, "Come unto Me, all that travail and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."—*The Fellowship of the Mystery*.—J. N. Figgis, C. R.

CHURCH HISTORICAL SOCIETY A Day of Corporate Intercession for the Church, for Our Country and for the World

ST. MATTHIAS DAY

THURSDAY, ~~TUESDAY~~, FEBRUARY 24th, 1921



A Message from our Bishop

THE conviction is growing on all sides that what the world needs for its recovery and peace is the Christian Gospel.

One hears it from sources outside the Church, outside indeed of any strong Christian tradition or atmosphere. The pressure and perplexity of the times are making our leaders in politics, business and education, realize that something more is needed than human wisdom and strength. They may be vague in their ideas. Their hope may be negative rather than positive. But these are signs that the world is attentive, even anxious to learn what its real spiritual resources are and how they can be made available.

Meanwhile, the Church seems to be marking time; to be missing its great chance. We ought to have expected and been prepared to meet the crisis. But we seem still troubled and concerned about small internal matters, the nurture and comfort of our own souls rather than the safety and salvation of the world.

God is calling us to face our responsibility for promoting and securing peace and brotherhood among all men, reconciliation among classes, unselfishness in public policy, morality and purity in education and in domestic life, generosity and sacrifice in the relief of all who are in spiritual or bodily necessity.

Our Day of Corporate Intercession should draw many of us together with these thoughts and purposes in mind. We should observe it more earnestly and whole heartedly than ever before.

PHILIP M. RHINELANDER,
Bishop of Pennsylvania.

Lent, 1921.

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7.45 A. M.	
9.30 A. M.	
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A Day of Corporate Intercession for the Church, for Our Country and for the World.

TUESDAY, MARCH 7th, 1922

A Message from our Bishop

P RAYER has many sides and many uses. It is a life in itself, rather than a particular activity in life. Its complete definition is communion with God. That communion being established, the "creative energy" of prayer begins. It shows itself in every department and compartment of our lives and of the world's life.

The parable of electricity gives a simple illustration. Once real contact has been made with the power-house or dynamo, you can apply the energy of the inflowing current in a great variety of ways: for lighting, heating, cleaning: according to your choice or interest.

So, in a much truer and higher sense, is it with prayer. Prayer becomes selfish or self-regarding, when its divine energy is sought for purely personal concerns. Prayer becomes Christian and unselfish when God's grace is asked and used not primarily for ourselves, but for His Name, His Kingdom, and His Will: being sought for self only in order that self may serve effectively and unselfishly.

This brings before us the great obligation and opportunity of intercession. Intercession means helping others by and with the grace of God through the activity of our prayers. In intercession we keep ourselves in conscious contact with the Source of all life and goodness in order that others may be healed and helped and sanctified and saved.

And, of course, intercession gains in sweep and scope just in so far as it is *common*; that is sent up to God through Christ, not by separated individuals, but by a congregation of His faithful people met together for this purpose, one in faith and mind and will.

It is important that the people of the Diocese should realize what a great door of opportunity the annual Day of Intercession holds open before them.

"Thou art coming to a King:
Large petitions with thee bring:
For His grace and power are such
None can ever ask too much."

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MYSTERY

RESOLUTE and widespread attempts are being made now, as at other times in the history of the Church, to reduce Christianity to a religion purely rational and non-mysterious. The attempts differ in form with the fashionable tendencies of the moment; but whether they be made by Gnostics or Arians, by Abélard or Socinus, or by adherents of the New Theology, their aim is unchanged. The argument is always an appeal to the rational understanding to set aside those elements in the faith which run counter to current prejudices. The hope is to satisfy the non-religious mind; and in this aim its assumptions are borrowed—assumptions antagonistic to mystery.

This argument, however, has no weight for the religious sense. For the sense of mystery lies at the root of that consciousness; and, although individual difficulties remain for discussion, the system as a whole gains incomparably by those very elements which invite attack.

Let us then not be afraid of assaults, which from the nature of the case the Christian Church must endure. Prayer alone is a supreme mystery; so long as that be retained it is vain to quarrel with the faith because it tells of regions beyond thought. A Christianity not mysterious would not, indeed, be so open to attack as the Catholic Church, but neither would it be worth defense.

Faith without risk, without uncertainty, without difficulty, would not be faith but sight. Religion does not end in wonder—but it begins there. A religion without wonder would be no religion at all.

Take from the Christian faith its mystery and strangeness, and see what is left. Is the creed when "trimmed and stripped of all that touches the skies" a beautiful or even a helpful thing? Is not the life and faith of the Church a living whole which we cannot mutilate any more than you could preserve the charms of the *Primavera* or the Venus de Milo, after you had torn the canvas or broken the statue? Leave out, if you must, the mysterious birth, the availing death, the empty tomb, and the sacramental presence, and what would you have left? Would it be very much to live by? Would it be anything at all to die for?—*The Gospel and Human Needs*, J. N. Figgis, C. R.

A Day of Corporate Intercession for the Church, for Our Country and for the World

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20th, 1923



A Message from Bishop Garland

AMONG our manifold divisions the word of God still proclaims "One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism," and unto everyone who confesses the faith, "Grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ." We thank God for a clearer conception of our privilege and of our duty to pray for the unity of Christendom.

In perfect faith let us lift up our hearts and ask God to pardon our shortcomings and our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord—to pour His grace into our lives and use them for the advancement of His Kingdom and a blessing to all mankind.

May we be led through the appealing power of intercession to bring forth the fruits of the spirit; love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance.

Let us on this day of corporate intercession, and throughout the Lenten Season, think more deeply, meditate more frequently, and pray more earnestly for the fellowship of the Spirit, and that God's benediction may be poured out upon His waiting Church.

THOMAS J. GARLAND,

Lent, 1923.

Bishop Suffragan of Pennsylvania.

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